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### UM PLANS OPEN HOUSE AT BLUE MOUNTAIN OBSERVATORY

MISSOULA --

Interested citizens can take an informed look at planets and stars Friday, July 5, when The University of Montana physics and astronomy department hosts a late-night open house at the Blue Mountain Observatory.

The open house will begin at 10:30 p.m., and visitors will take turns viewing various celestial objects through the observatory's 16-inch reflector telescope. A new coating on the telescope's mirrors will permit an especially clear view, said physics lab technician Jim Semmelroth, and UM faculty and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

The observatory is in the Blue Mountain Recreation Area west of Missoula. From Blue Mountain Road, turn west on the recreation area's dirt road, then travel about 12 miles to the Blue Mountain fire lookout. Visitors are asked to park at the lookout and walk the remaining 200 yards east to the observatory.

Visitors are advised to bring warm clothes, flashlights to guide them on the walk to the observatory and binoculars, if available. Inclement weather may postpone the event, and a recorded message at 243-5283 will describe any change of plans. For further information, call the physics and astronomy department at 243-2073 or 243-6223.

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